

A Governance Model for Indico

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- History and Context
- Proposal (Bodies and Roles)
- How to get started
- Conclusion

Some History

- 1999 CDS Agenda
- 2002 InDiCo EU Project
 - "Integrated Digital Conferencing"

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Some History

- 2007 Fermilab contributes timezone-aware code
- 2013 First Indico Workshop
- 2015 UNOG adopts Indico
- 2017 Indico 2.0 rewrite, 2nd Indico Workshop
- 2020 3rd workshop (cancelled)
- 2022 MPG funds developments in v3.2



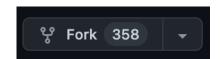




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Contributions

- **CERN**: still the main driver behind the Project
- UNOG, MPG, IEEE: individual features in recent releases
- Recent contributions from S2Innovation, Canonical
- In the past: collaborations with Fermilab and BNL
 - timezone support, search
- Contributions from many individuals!
 - some of them on company time? Hard to know.
 - apologies if we haven't mentioned you!



Governance - why?

- Acknowledging contributions
- Collecting and organizing feedback
- Coordinating community efforts
- Making the Project more distributed
- Present Indico as a consolidated Project with a strong community

Governance – some questions

- Who is actively contributing to the Project?
 - we should be able to know which entities officially contribute to Indico
- What are they contributing with?
 - not only code: documentation, translation, community support... they're all important
- How can we acknowledge those contributions?
 - there should be incentives to actively contributing
- How can we coordinate development in common areas?
 - we have common goals, let's collaborate!
- Where should the Project be going?
 - we won't always agree on those goals. How do we decide then?

Our proposal

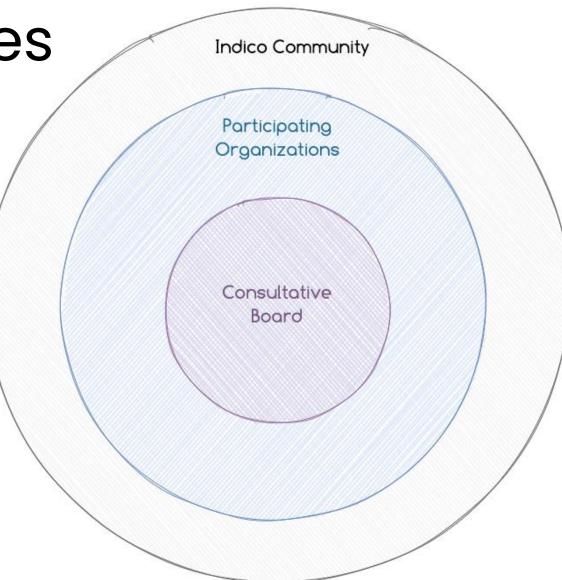
Community Bodies

 Community: set of persons and institutions who run an Indico server

• Broader sense:

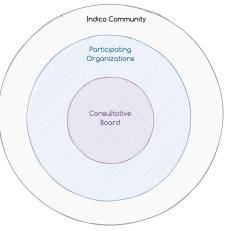
- Developers
- Translators
- Writers
- Administrators
- End users

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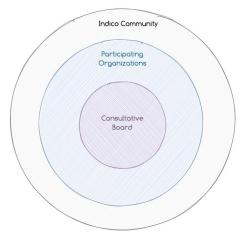
Participating Organizations

- Adhere to the open collaborative principles of the Indico Community
- Acknowledged in Project Website
- Contribute activily and significantly to the Indico Project (e.g. code, translations, community animation, public outreach...)
- Annual Report during Community Meeting
- No membership fee



Consultative Board

- Members: representatives of participating organizations which make contributions of particular relevance to Indico (e.g. code, support materials, community building, financial support...)
- On invitation by CERN, 2-year term, personal
- Objectives:
 - Provide advice to the Project
 - Identify strategic and community priorities
- Meets at least twice a year, chaired by Project or Product Manager.
- Approves the roadmap for the following year



Consultative Board

- Question: how to have members pledge their contributions?
 - e.g. Signing a Letter of support?
 - To be discussed

Bodies (1)

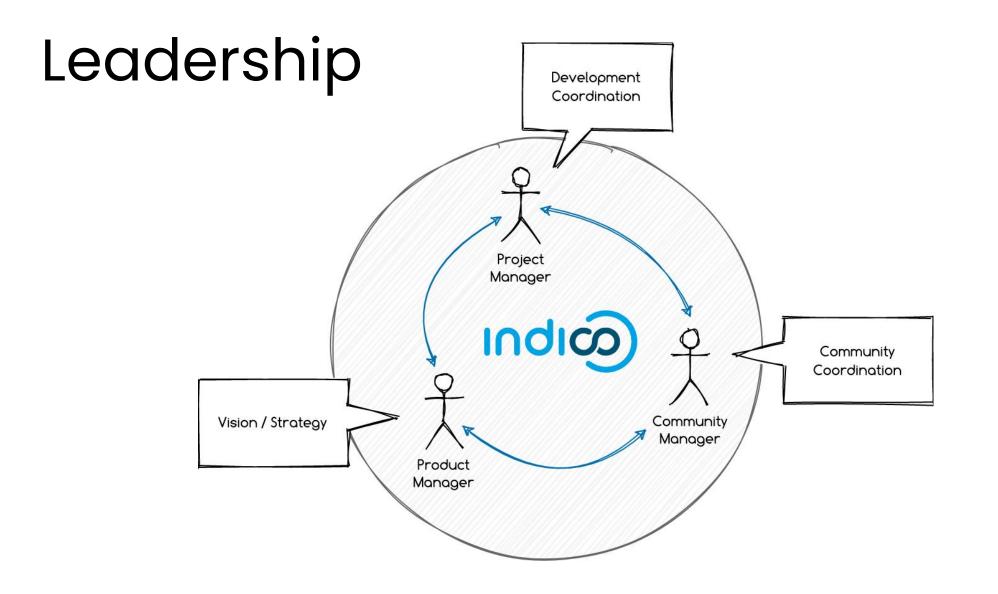
	Event	Frequency	Format
Indico Community	Indico Workshop	min. 1x / 2 years	Face to face / hybrid
Participating Organizations	Community Meeting	yearly	Hybrid / remote
Consultative Board	Consultative Board Meetings	2x / year	Face to face / hybrid

Bodies (2)

	Contribution	Influence
Indico Community	Voluntary	Ideas and suggestions
Participating Organizations	Significant	Presence in community meetings, a say in community resource allocation
Consultative Board	Particularly relevant	Approve roadmap and steer general Project development

Community Roles

	Responsibility	Term	Apppointed by
Community Manager	Chair Community Meeting Indico Workshop	2 years	Consultative Board
Consultative Board Members	Advise the Project Identify strategic and community priorities	2 years	Each invited organization
Product Manager	Vision / strategy as software product Chair Consultative Board	N/A	CERN
Project Manager	Management of core application and plugin development Coordination of community developments	N/A	CERN



How do we get started, then?

Call for Participating Organizations

- All organizations wishing to advance Indico as a Project, especially those present today at this workshop, are invited to register as a Participating Organization
- This entails a commitment to participating actively in the Project (through code, documentation, translation, outreach, among others....)
- The idea is **not to measure** contributions but rather to foster a community of **proactive stakeholders**
- Contact Pedro or Adrian if interested

Bootstrapping: Consultative board

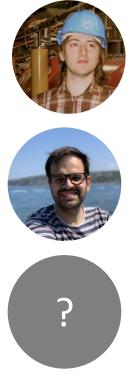
- Term starting in May 2023, finishing end of April 2025
- CERN has decided to invite:
 - The United Nations
 - Max-Planck-Gesellschaft
- For their very significant direct code contributions to the Indico Project throughout the last 2 years
- The Product Manager shall invite, in writing, representatives of the institutions in question to be part of the board
- Once answers are given, he will schedule the **first meeting**

Bootstrapping: Roles

Project Manager: Adrian Mönnich

Product Manager: Pedro Ferreira

- Community Manager: applications welcome!
 - To be confirmed by the Consultative Board
 - Contact Pedro or Adrian if you would be interested



Evaluation

• Let's re-assess in one year!

Consultative Board + Community Meeting

- The policy is **mutable**, we define it and we can change it at anytime
 - Has to be approved by Consultative Board

Things to assess

- Is the Policy working?
- Is it causing a significant overhead?
- Are we working better than we were before?

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In conclusion

- We are very happy to **invite the community** to play a more active role in Indico's governance
- We're proposing a balanced approach where CERN works as an arbiter
 - This is not about complicating things, it's about engaging the community!
- This is a **starting point**, not a definitive version
- Objective: getting Indico Governance bootstrapped
- Membership of **consultative board** open to other suggestions
- Most importantly: what do you think about it?

Full draft: https://codimd.web.cern.ch/s/F5PF06vll

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